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### Letter, n.d., from Jester J. Hairston to Eva Jessye

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Hi Darling!

I received your letter just as I was about to leave home for a plane to Boise, Idaho, where I shall be busy till Friday, conducting a huge coral festival. So happy to hear from you at last and to know you still love me too. Marge has been telling me she thought you had put me down for a blond.

I'm happy to know you are so active. Keep up the good work, Baby. I feel younger now than I did 20 yrs. ago, and I know better how to take care of my body than I did then. This is a busy week for me. As soon as I get home Friday I take clean clothes and light out for San Diego for another festival.



I want to wish you and your  
entire Choir the greatest success  
possible. Don't know whether my  
little Contribution will permit this many  
words, but this is how I feel about you!

"~~Just~~ uncanmy genius for arranging  
and interpreting Negro folk songs in-  
spired me, many years ago, to make  
them my life's work. Thank you  
for making my life so rich and  
meaningful!" Don't have a copy of  
'Mary's Boy Child' on hand. You can get  
it at any music store there. Call that  
publishes; Bovi-ne Music Inc. 136 W. 52nd  
St. and they'll give you a copy. Thanks  
for doing it on your program. I have an  
arrangement of 'God's Gonna Bui' up  
Jim's Wall" that would be even better  
for that program. Ask Bovi-ne about it also.  
Marge getting better and sends love.

Fairsten